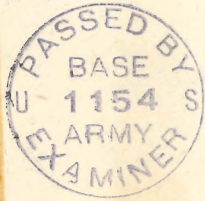


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Hija, Folks,

Happy George Washington's Birthday,  
or something! - Although - don't guess  
it was a holiday - unless Joe had  
one! - Incidentally - it wasn't a  
holiday here either! -

In fact - was quite a day in  
all - I put the 93rd mission on  
to "Sweet Sue" and I also added  
the first one to myself - over and  
above our old "quota" - If God will  
be with me in the future as he has  
in the past - I'll be thru my extra  
ones (don't know how many more)  
and home maybe in a couple of  
months! - 'Course - it's sorta bitter  
to look back on and figure, had I  
gotten the quota in just a couple of  
weeks sooner - I would be "grounded"  
from combat - and awaiting orders for



2! going "home" - but it doesn't help  
the situation to sit around & mope!  
all I can do is keep on going - knowing  
we are exceeding our share & quota  
and praying that "God" will see us  
thru our remainder, as good as he  
did our first batch! - Just keep 'em  
crossed & pray - and one day soon I'll  
be knocking at ye old door - yelling  
for some body to let me in - ! - And  
then what a time!

Got a V-mail from Brother today -  
telling me of his move to Charlotte -  
am sorry he isn't getting his own  
store just now, but it is nice he's  
getting to go to Charlotte - I remember  
his remarking in a letter that if  
he could - he sure would like the  
town, to live there I mean! - Sorta  
rough on Melba & Janet too, to have  
to pull up ~~stake~~ stakes and move  
It's a shame Janet can't stay in Virginia  
and go to good schools! - !

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Did I tell you I got a lot of papers the other day? - Just as I knew I would, cause I hadn't gotten any in so long. I got about 20 papers - 3 Sat. Evening Posts, & 1 American! - Now all I have to do is find time to read same! - They will probably just sit around till I get tired stepping over them - then I'll clean house! -

Well, - I wanta write Brother a V mail - so I'll close this - making it a short one. - In my next letter I'll try to send some more negatives. - I sent some small prints in my last letter to Fred.

Bye now - Keep 'em crossed. -

Lots of Love,  
Frank